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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH IBM  
GLOBAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF MOVES, ADDS AND CHANGES  
(MAC) AND COUNTY ACCESS TO DATA (CAD) SERVICES FOR THE CALIFORNIA  
STATE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CWS/CMS)**

This is to inform your Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intends to negotiate a sole source contract with IBM Global Services (IBM) to provide Moves, Adds and Changes (MAC) and County Access to Data (CAD) services for the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS).

The purpose of the contract is to allow the County to purchase services from IBM to add, modify or move software and hardware relating to CWS/CMS, and to access specific data instrumental in its usage of CWS/CMS and components unique to Los Angeles County. The cost of these services is expected to be \$150,000 per year for a total of \$750,000 for the five-year term of the contract.

IBM was selected by the State as the only vendor allowed by the State and Federal government to perform services on CWS/CMS and to maintain CWS/CMS, a mandated statewide system. IBM has been providing these services to the State under contract for over 12 years. As a contributing function for its member counties, the State's agreement with IBM allows individual Counties to contract with IBM for various support services at prices that are set and determined in the agreement.

The current contract with IBM to provide MAC and CAD services for the CWS/CMS system was procured by negotiation and will expire on September 30, 2009.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Armand Montiel, Manager, Office of Board & Commission Relations, at (213) 351-5530.

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